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ATHLETIC SHOE

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendment preliminary to examination of this continued patent application.

## In the Claims:

1 (four times amended). An athletic shoe comprising an upper for wearing about a user's foot, a sole mounted to the upper, said sole having a forefoot portion and a heel portion, said heel portion comprising a midsole carried below the upper and an outsole carried below the midsole, said outsole having a bottom surface at least partially bounded by a peripheral rim, a lasting board mounted within the upper above the sole and extending forwardly from the heel portion toward the forefoot portion, said lasting board above the heel portion being devoid of penetrating channels, a rigid heel counter mounted in the